

## Overview

*To more efficiently meet the changing needs of Sanpete County, a study was conducted by members of the Economics Department of Utah State University concerning the "cost of services in the county vs. the cost of services in municipalities; including the impact that secondary residences have upon county services. This study represents fiscal, as opposed to accounting or economic evaluations. As a result, no account is taken of the impact of declining or improved assets.*

## 1999 Planning Grant Summary

Grant Amount:	\$8,000
Matching Dollars:	\$8,000 (\$0 in-kind)
Match:	\$8,000
Project Cost:	\$16,000

# Sanpete County-Economic Modeling Project

## Local Responsibility

Sanpete County commission and zoning officials hired Utah State University to conduct the study. The grant from the Quality Growth Commission not only funded the study, but also allowed the County to hire a student from the university to do most of the "leg work".

## State Leadership

The Quality Growth Commission awarded Sanpete County with a grant in the amount of \$8,000.

## Economic Development

Three sectors (rural/agriculture, commercial and residential) were identified and used in the study by Snyder and Ferguson. These same sectors were used in this study with one major exception. There was also interest in Sanpete County concerning the role of the recreational cabin developments that have been built in the county. To determine the financial impacts of the agricultural sector, revenues and costs associated with lands that were generally not in any of the cities and towns were evaluated. The residential sector included lands and areas in the cities and towns in the county that were not commercial sites were evaluated.

## Infrastructure Development

This study provided a comprehensive resource of Sanpete County revenues and expenditures to the residential, commercial and rural/agricultural sectors. This allows the County to more efficiently allocate resources and plan for the future.

## Housing Opportunity

This was not a component of this project.

## Conservation Ethic

This was not a component of this project.

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*Bruce Blackham-County Commissioner*

## Implementation

The economic modeling plan that was developed in part by planning grant funds was completed and is currently being used throughout Sanpete County to address economic issues and strategically plan for the future.

## Promoting Intelligent Growth

As a result of this plan, better zoning issues are now being considered in Sanpete County.

## Accomplishments

We have been able to review costs versus services and have already adjusted some zoning fees to reflect the survey results.

## Benefits

Sanpete County has reviewed fees associated with County services and greater consideration is being given to matching fees with services.